

We are upset about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This represents an abuse of their broadcast license, and is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We believe the FCC, instead of rubber-stamping license renewals, must use the licensing process to ensure that broadcasters promote the greater public interest, not some narrow partisan one. Thank you.